

St. Mary's & St. Columba's Parish Newsletter

Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

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“The Family that Prays Together Stays Together”

REFLECTION ON THE LORD'S PRAYER And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

God, our Father, would never lead us into temptation. He would want us to avoid it! Pope Francis even said in 2017 that the translation into English was not a good one and approved the change (in 2019) to the prayer (to: “do not let us fall into temptation ...”) to avoid that misunderstanding. As Pope Francis added: “I am the one who falls, it's not him (God) pushing me.”

The second part of this last petition within the prayer: ‘but deliver us from evil,’ is a pleading with our Father to help us avoid temptation and the work of Satan i.e. the evil associated with falling into sin. It is a request to God to keep our faith strong, especially in the face of adversary. We ask our Father to keep us on the right path, in life, in faith and in our inner sense or understanding of right and wrong, of good and evil, and in the choices we make every day.

Overall, the Lord's Prayer as given to us by Jesus in response to the request from his close followers, may be summarised as: a prayer that shows an understanding of our humility, and, reverence in God's presence; a glorification of God's greatness and immensity; a call to God to help us in our weakness and humanity; a petition to God to strengthen our faith and forgive us our faults and; a call to change the world from its self-absorption and egoistic perspective to one where God's will and plan may be fulfilled.

Deacon Alan

Please find below details of this week's Mass intentions and other services in our Parish of St. Mary's, Castletown (C/T), and St. Columba's, Port Erin (P/E).

Week commencing 25th August			
Sunday 25 th August Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	Ann Dolan (Sick) People of the Parish
Monday 26 th August Memorial of Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Mother of God			No Mass
Tuesday 27 th August Memorial of St Monica	P/E	10 am	Noah Harding (Sick) Dawn Haynes (Sick)
Wednesday 28 th August Memorial of St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor	C/T	10 am	Bernard McKenna
Thursday 29 th August Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist	P/E	10 am 10.45 am	Ann and Adam Mc Laughlin Confession
Friday 30 th August Memorial of St Edmund Arrowsmith, Priest, Martyr	C/T	10 am	Nicola and family
Saturday 31 st August Weekday in Ordinary Time	C/T	10 am 10.45 am	Intentions to Our Lady of Rushen Adoration and Confession
Sunday 1 st September Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Mary Harrington (Operation) and Marie Hampson (Special Intention)

Response to the Psalm:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon:

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was £259.73.

Second Collection: Today will be for Day of Life.

St Brendan's Prayer: We will adopt this prayer for our Synodal Journey: "Lord, help me to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown. Give me the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with You."

Adoremus Day: On September 21st, St Mary's and St Columba's Parish has been allocated a time slot of 2 pm to 4 pm for prayers, adoration, and confession as part of the Adoremus Liverpool event. It is encouraged to mark your diaries and strive to attend during this time.

South Parish Meeting: The South Parish meeting will take place on Thursday 19th September at 7 pm in St Columba's Hall. The topics to be discussed will be distributed to everyone on Sunday 8th September. You are all welcome to attend this meeting.

Thank You: To all those who took part in the Parish Walk and to those who helped with the much-needed refreshments that were very much enjoyed by the walkers.

Eucharistic Ministers: Eucharistic Ministers must undergo periodic renewal of their ministry, including formal training and a recommissioning ceremony with a certificate signed by the Archbishop. Elizabeth Parsons and Mark Robson will hold the training and recommissioning event on Saturday, October 5th, 2024. All Eucharistic Ministers are requested to attend—more details will follow.

Mass Intentions: Ann Dolan, Noah Harding, Dawn Hayes, Nicola and family, Bernard McKenna, Ann and Adam McLaughlin, Mary Harrington, and Marie Hampson

Parish Diary:

4th to 11th September	Novena to Our Lady of Rushen. On Thursday 12 th September there will be a Celebration of the Memorial to Our Lady of Rushen.
14th September 10 am to 1 pm	Island Spirituality Network at St John's Mill. The theme is Imagination, Discernment and Spiritual Direction. The speaker is Fr. Phil Harrison SJ.
19th September 7pm	South Parish Meeting in St Columba's Hall.
21st September	Adoremus Liverpool. A day of Eucharistic Pilgrimage. We will hold a Pilgrimage to the Co-Cathedral St Mary's Douglas to mirror that being held in the Cathedral in Liverpool. St Mary's and St Columba's Parish has been allocated a time slot of 2 pm to 4 pm for prayers, adoration, and confession as part of the Adoremus Liverpool event. It is encouraged to mark your diaries and strive to attend during this time.
9th October 8pm	Concert by Manx Concert Brass in St Columba's Church.
12th October 10 am to 1 pm	Island Spirituality Network at St John's Mill. The theme is "A Single Sunbeam." The speaker is Reverend Sharon Grenham-Thompson.
15th December 3 pm	Parish Nativity Service at St. Columba's.

If you are aware of future events, please let us know so we may add them to the diary.

Social Club Committee contact details: Susan 460514, Nick 431606, Dee 437487, or Lynn 472867.

Second Collections for 2024

8 th September	Catholic Education
15 th September	Evangelii Gadium
20 th October	APF World Missions
24 th November	Animate Youth
8 th December	Christmas flowers for both churches